

**MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
REVIEW BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 HELD AT
100 WEST RANDOLPH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601
8TH FLOOR IN THE CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 1:30 PM**

Members present:

Mitch Weisz – Chairman Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
Mario Basurto – longest serving Commissioner representing employers
David Gore – longest serving Commissioner representing employees
Robert Lammie – Cook County Arbitrator elected by the Arbitrators
Ruth White – Downstate Arbitrator elected by Arbitrators (via teleconference)
Velisha Haddox – Gubernatorial appointee
Robert Hanaford – Gubernatorial appointee

IWCC Staff Present:

Carolyn Parks, Executive Director Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
Darrell Widen, Assistant General Counsel and acting Secretary of the meeting

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 1:35 and noted that all members were present and therefore a quorum existed. The Chairman moved, seconded by Arbitrator Basurto, that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Review Board held on February 11, 2008 be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously. The Chairman noted that the Review Board had met infrequently and that the Commission was the subject of a negative audit finding because of the irregular meetings. The Board agreed that it should meet at least quarterly.

Chairman Weisz requested that Executive Director Carolyn Parks report to the Board about any complaints against Arbitrators based on improper communications. Ms. Parks notified the Board that there had been no formal complaints filed with the Commission based on allegations of improper communications.

Thereafter, Mr. Hanaford moved, seconded by Commissioner Gore, to close the meeting pursuant to Section 2a of the Open Meetings Act based on the exemptions specified under Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) to deliberate on the selection of certified independent Arbitrators to hear workers' compensation claims filed by

employees and former employees of the Commission, as mandated by P.A.97-18. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was closed.

There was a motion by Ms. Haddox, seconded by Commissioner Basurto, and unanimously carried to reopen the meeting. Chairman Weisz moved, seconded by Arbitrator White, to appoint the following four applicants as outside independent Arbitrators:

H. Case Ellis
W. Daniel Leahy
Alan Rosen
Edward Schoenbaum

The motion passed unanimously. Thereafter Arbitrator Lammie moved, seconded by Commissioner Gore, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.